

## Player's Policy

All players must register within their own age group. Players are expected to play with other players of the same age unless TCBA has a need to move players up into the next age group if it helps with the numbers to make a team. For example: If there are 14 boys registered in U12 and only 6 boys registered in U14, TCBA may ask 2-3 players to move up from U12 to U14 for 1 year only in order to make 2 full teams.

TCBA has the right to decide which players are asked to move up but will try to do so based on age and skills whenever possible.

TCBA realizes and wants kids to play with their own age group but sometimes feels it is necessary to move kids in order for all kids to be able to play basketball for the season. If/when kids move up, it is only for the current playing season and are expected to return to their own age group when the following season starts.

### **Team Selection Metro U10 Boys and Girls Teams:**

All players in this group are brought together to be placed on teams by the coaches of respective groups and the Division Coordinator. Players will be grouped together by age or ability or skill level. A request to be on same team as a friend might be entertained by TCBA, however TCBA reserves the right to deny such request that might affect the making of the teams.

### **Team Selection Metro Teams U12, 14, 16 and 18 Boys and Girls:**

The Tri-County Basketball Association uses a team selection process (Tryouts) in determining placement on teams.

All players from u12 to u18 will participate in a team selection process. This process determines which players will play together on the same team. An attempt will be made to place players with similar skills on the same team. We believe that players will have a better experience when teamed up with others of similar skill level. We understand that it is nice to be with friends, but we trust that new friends will be made once players are on their teams. The selected evaluator and head coach of each group usually determines the final selection of the players on the teams for that particular age group. Team selection usually takes place over several practice sessions. Depending on the number of players in a particular age group. Example based on scored evaluation, players will be divided in teams example, 30 players in a particular age group; 1st tier players on A Team , 2<sup>nd</sup> tier players on B team, 3<sup>rd</sup> tier players on C team)

### Getting Set For League Play

Once teams are selected, each Coach should notify the Tri-County Association with final roster. Be sure to also include names of assistant coaches and managers.

The Uniform Coordinator will then choose jerseys for those players who need them, based on the size. Numbers will be selected from those available in order to avoid conflict with existing numbers on each team. The Uniform Coordinator will arrange a time and place for coaches to pick up the uniforms.

Each coach should then update the Registrar with their final roster including player numbers. This should be done as soon as possible to allow registration with the Metro Basketball Association (MBA) in time for the start of league play. The coach should also provide contact information for the MBA web site, along with a suggested division.

(Divisions are described below in How The MBA League runs. New coaches may want to seek help from other coaches at the same level in naming a starting division.)

### How The Metro Basketball Association League Runs

MBA League play begins in late October, as follows:

- All U10 and U12 games are played on Saturdays
- All other games are played on Sundays
- Most levels start the last weekend in October, although U16 and above start later to allow for high school team selection

Each age/gender group in the MBA is divided into divisions, to group together teams of similar ability. The first three games are alignment games, intended to identify in which division each team should play. Games are scheduled from week to week pending results, beginning with the divisions suggested by each coach.

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after the first three weeks, divisions are finalized and the schedule for the rest of the year is posted. (Occasionally divisional alignment and schedules are adjusted at the Christmas break.)

The MBA holds playoffs for all divisions starting in mid-February. Important: ALL teams make the playoffs! All coaches should refer to the MBA web site [mbans.ca](http://mbans.ca) to get familiar with rules variations, including

those for calling up players from other teams. It's important to understand the shift system and equal play rules for U10, U12 and U14 age groups.

\*This is for a quick reference please check with the Metro Basketball Association for more details.

### Fair and Equal Play:

#### Tri-County Metro Team Rules of Play:

All Metro teams MUST follow The Metro Basketball Association (MBA) rules of play. Here's a quick reference but all coaches must be familiar with all MBA rules of play. They can be read on their website [mbans.ca](http://mbans.ca).